

## HHPNC Board Meeting Minutes

03/01/18

A. Call to Order—7:02 PM

B. Roll Call— *Present*: Liz Amsden, SuzAnn Brantner, Boo Caban, Antonio Castillo, Melanie Freeland, Zacharias Gardea, Susanne Huerta, Sheri Lunn (arrived 7:15), Marcus Moché, Yolanda Nogueira, Joan Potter, Rocio Rivas, Diego Silva (arrived 7:24), Harvey Slater and Jamie Tijerina (arrived 7:12) Total: 15. *Absent*: Daniel Andalon, Elizabeth Andalon, Gabriel Chabran and Stan Moore—total 4.

C. Elected Officials—*Mayor's office*: No report. CD1: Bill Cody, Field Deputy, A community meeting concerning fireworks is next Wednesday at Ebell Club; working with city attorney and My Safe LA; on April 21<sup>st</sup> is the earth day in Highland Park and doing some cleanups around that date. CD14: Lucy Aparicio, Field Deputy, in early April is the installation of a new parklet on York Blvd. to replace one destroyed by a suspected drunk driver and working with LADOT and Chamber of Commerce on this effort; the second annual women's donation drive is set for March 1-31 Monday-Friday and help with donating items, such as hygiene, at any CD14 field office; the women's block festival during art walk will be along Avenue 52, which will be closed; March 18<sup>th</sup> is the Highland Park Heritage Trust celebration. AD51: Alfonso Ruiz, Field Deputy, two resolutions introduced by Wendy Carrillo was to reverse the temporary protection statues, and a resolution to commemorate the Chicano student walkouts; coffee with assembly member is coming up and working on an event for earth day by donating trees. SD22: No report. BOS1: No report.

D. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE)—No report.

E. President's Report—reminder for board members of the deadline to surrender your seat if you wish not to remain on the board for 2018-2019 is on the March 22, just email President and next meeting a motion will start election process.

F. LAPD Report—Senior Lead Officer, Lloyd Chang, updates burglary on vehicles and overall property burglaries. Advises to double check your home windows are closed and locked. Lock home side gates and check all windows. Refrain from leaving items in the car. Tagging crews out in the neighborhood and arrested a person for tagging. Organizing a Garvanza Park Improvement group and first goal is to set up lighting in the area.

G. LAFD Report—Captain Matt Thompson, June expected to get another engine back from Lincoln Heights to provide better service as they are the only task force in the area. Cadet program is open and active for youth under 18, there are currently 4 females. Go to lafd.org if interested. Another test for hiring is coming up, go to joinlafd.org for further information.

H. LAPL Report—Sarah Moore, librarian, explained all the events taking place in March, such as baby story time, science activities, Mexican Loteria game, family themed movies at 3 pm, restauranteur coming to talk, La Vita tax consultants will be available, which has been very popular.

I. Board Announcements—Y. Nogueira—on April 7<sup>th</sup> is the Lummis Make Noise event. A. Castillo—the Highland Park Heritage Trust 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary fundraising event is March 18<sup>th</sup>.

J. Committee Reports—*Executive*: No report. *Rules*: No report. *Budget*: Last meeting given the free ads from Chamber of Commerce and on February 10<sup>th</sup> \$1 payment received for the ads. *Land Use*: Forgot to add one item to the agenda to include Elsa's bakery becoming a restaurant and requesting for alcohol, merging both business sites and March 13<sup>th</sup> is the public hearing. Land use committee recommended to support unanimously. *Outreach*: Discussion to have in May a candidate debate, hoping to collaborate with other NC's and having it in Soto Mayor School, and discussed having a national night out. *Public Safety*: A transition meeting to

have a conversation with Rocio and LAPD to see what we want to do, going by case by case meetings. *Family Youth Education*: Discussions in the committee include the item on the agenda on community input for the superintendent of LAUSD selection. Also, discussed item concerning coordinating resources and communication among city departments, LAUSD and LAHSA regarding homeless youth and families. *Housing and Homelessness*: working on directory sending it next week, doing a foldout accordion style; donating shoes and clothes to women's event with CD14, and May will be the day of compassion for our homeless residents. *Beautification*: Planning various cleanups with CD14 and CD1. *Culture and Equality*: Two items in the agenda, event come by there's going to be all kinds of stuff *Arts: Sustainability*: Community garden update, met with Lucy Apararicio and John and Kortley asking the senior clubs to see who wants to take on the garden, and will provide further information. A plan for the June 30<sup>th</sup> deadline. Having a meeting as soon as we have quorum. *Local Business and Economy*: Didn't meet last month but are planning on meeting in late March or early April. We're hoping to include a social media workshop to incentivize local business owners to attend and will be doing some outreach in the coming weeks.

K. Budget Advocates Report: The Budget Advocates will be meeting with the Mayor a week tomorrow to present our annual White Paper to him before disseminating it to the departments and Neighborhood Councils. Our next Budget Day will be Saturday June 23<sup>rd</sup> and anyone who would like to become involved in any aspect – investigating, researching, meetings with departments and committees, writing reports or just learning more about the City's \$8 billion budget is invited to come. People are also welcome to attend our regular meetings on 1<sup>st</sup> Monday nights downtown and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays in West LA – visit our website at NCBALA.com for more info

L. Liaisons—Grievance Panel: No report. *Animal Services*: No report. *Homelessness*: No report. *Legal*: No report. *Public Works*: No report. *DWP*: No report. *Film*: No report. *CD1*: Changing date for town hall and will be on Facebook live. *CD14*: No report. *Purposeful Aging*: No report.

M. Alliances—ARC: No report. *LANCC*: Meeting this Saturday at the Hope Street headquarters of the DWP. Anyone can attend, but only one board member can vote per NC. There will be presentations from Lisette Covarrubias of the Department of City Planning with planning updates and the introduction of new Neighborhood Liaisons. Glenikia Young of Volunteers of America will provide people with tools to assist victims of human trafficking and Stephanie Spicer of the LADWP will talk about renewables for the City. *NC Sustainability Alliance*: Update on retreat and sending information for website on what to do when a tree gets cut down. *NC Emergency Preparedness Alliance*: Meeting discussed EMD's help from NC's to reach out to neighborhoods to become prepared for an emergency, such as an earthquake. *PlanCheck NC*: No report.

N. By-Laws Ad Hoc Committee: Scheduling a date to meet within the next few weeks and meet twice. The goal is to have recommendations by April meeting and submit to DONE by the 15<sup>th</sup>.

O. Elections Ad Hoc Committee: Deadline to submit intention to surrender your seat is March 22 and April board meeting to begin process to fill in vacant seats, May 3<sup>rd</sup> board meeting will be the vote, and install new board members by June 7<sup>th</sup> board meeting.

P. General Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items—Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the Board's jurisdiction (Limited to 10 minutes, maximum 2 minutes per speaker)

1. Ashley Ruiz, case manager at Soledad Enrichment Action, announces a resource fair on March 3<sup>rd</sup> at Garvanza Park and teaming up with CD14, goal is to promote unity and educate community on the resources available.

2. Lucas Paul: Public hearing on March 13<sup>th</sup> on conditional use permit, met with vice unit as one of the conditions and meeting with CD14 as well, concept is to provide a casual eatery

Taiwanese food, sandwiches and soups, with beer and wine, not a bar concept. Welcome any feedback.

3. Estuardo Ruano explains the SheDoes campaign and the actions taken to get city hall councilmembers to pay attention to the needs of women, their vulnerabilities and to help them with the goal of sheltering women living in the streets.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

1. Approval of Agenda. Delete item 6 as requested by J. Potter. All in favor. Agenda approved.
2. Approval of February 01, 2018 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. Abstain S. Huerta. Minutes approved.
3. (2 min.) Motion to approve the HHPNC Monthly Expenditure Report for January 2018. *Roll call: L. Amsden, S. Brantner, B. Caban, A. Castillo, M. Freeland, Z. Gardea, S. Huerta, S. Lunn, M. Moché, Y. Nogueira, J. Potter, R. Rivas, D. Silva, H. Slater and J. Tijerina.* Motion Passes.
4. (10 min.) Presentation by Albert Ramirez, Senior Community Organizer for Los Angeles Alliance for a New Economy (LAANE), concerning the parent led effort to restore justice on the school board by demanding the resignation of LAUSD school board member Dr. Ref Rodriguez and request HHPNC to delegate a board member to speak at the LAUSD school board meeting on either Tuesday March 13th or Tuesday March 20th to speak on this matter.
  - a. Concerned parents in District 5 are asking for the resignation of Ref Rodriguez, on perjury, felony, and other conflict of interest allegations. It's an anticorruption movement. Parents in these areas are organizing and delegating to the school board every Tuesday, and parents waiting 6 hours to speak for 2-3 minutes. Cudahy asked for his resignation, the northeast and southeast democratic party chapters are working together on this as well. It's a city and education emergency. Decisions will be made that last years. Asking HHPNC to join parents that will be delegating again on March 13<sup>th</sup> and additional dates. Other community leaders and parents will be in attendance. Speak volumes if someone can come to speak. L. Amsden states that she actively opposed Ref Rodriguez' election, unfortunately he *was* elected, and her concern is the need to adequately inform voters on the history of those running for office and not rely on mailers. R. Rivas will attend the meeting on behalf of HHPNC.
5. (5 min.) 6026-6032 E. La Prada (VTT-77175-SL) – Discussion and possible action for a request to demolish one single-family dwelling and one duplex and construct a 12 small-lot subdivision.
  - a. A Castillo explains that applicant appeared twice before land use committee and had a lot of discussion on landscape, permeability, external materials and rooftop decks, and land use committee satisfied with the changes. A. Castillo motions to affirm land use committee's position on the project and write letter to la planning department in support of the project. Moché seconds. Abstain R. Rivas. Motion passes.
6. (3 min.) DELETED Motion to defund the \$1000 NPG awarded to AMP Los Angeles at the November 2, 2017 meeting. DONE declined approval of the first two versions of the application and a third version was never submitted. As requested by J. Potter, motion DELETED.

7. (3 min.) Motion to write a letter to the LAUSD school board and Interim Superintendent requesting that the superintendent search discussion be conducted publicly, update parents concerning the search and provide parents a voice in the selection of the superintendent.
  - a. R. Rivas explains discussion in the Family, Youth and Education committee. L. Amsden states that this links to her comments earlier on importance of political education. To educate voters on how to access information on issues that affect them and our community for upcoming elections. All in favor. Motion passes.
8. (3 min.) Motion to submit a CIS for CF 17-1311 (2017 FUSE Corps Fellow Report/Street Related Infrastructure) in support of the FUSE fellow report by Laila Alequresh on the evaluation of and recommendations for the state of street related infrastructure.
  - a. M. Moché was impressed by the comprehensive and competent report. S. Huerta abstains. Motion passes.
9. (3 min.) Motion to submit a CIS for CF 18-0131 (Zero Emissions Maintenance Equipment Pilot/City Parks and Golf Courses) in support of transitioning the City's green space maintenance to low-noise zero-emission equipment.
  - a. L. Amsden states that there are problems with trees when not meeting the state requirements and would like us to support this. Abstain M. Moché. Motion passes.
10. (3 min.) Motion to submit a CIS for CF 17-0878-S4 (RecycLA Program / Exit Exclusive Waste Franchise / Non-Functioning Program) in support of the City terminating the Exclusive Waste Franchise program and replacing it with something better.
  - a. L. Amsden the motion was to have city attorney advise if it could be terminated, but must replace it with something better, a lot of money was invested. S. Lunn asks what is waste franchise program? L. Amsden explains that if you live in a house in a unit with 4 or less units, city handles your garbage. Apartment buildings and businesses contracted separately, they had limited to no recycling and this is a step to get on board to have one truck instead of 15 different companies; using cleaner vehicles; paying good wages. The reality has been opposite, not picking up garbage, or starting at 4 am in violation of noise ordinances. A. Castillo abstains. Motion passes.
11. (3 min.) Motion to write a letter to Council District 1, Council District 14 and City Council demanding action on street pavement conditions along York Boulevard, the primary east-west street in Highland Park, which is rated mostly fair or poor by the Bureau of Street Services.
  - a. L. Amsden explains that from Eagle Rock Blvd. rated D and F and York Blvd, the only east-west street in Highland Park that goes all the way through from Eagle Rock Blvd. to Figueroa, is rated D or F along much of its length. All in favor. Motion passes.
12. (3 min.) Motion to write a letter to Mayor Garcetti and City Council members to support and put into action the #SheDoes movement aimed to house 1000 homeless women by August 2018.
  - a. Y. Nogueira and R. Rivas explain the background of the #SheDoes campaign. L. Amsden adds that many women don't have access to other financial resources available to other groups such as veterans. Funds are not going to resources for women, and they are being pushed out into the streets. All in favor. Motion passes.

13. (2 min.) Updating previously approved motion from July 2017 to request funds for a community forum on gentrification to be held April 7th, 2018 at Academia Avance in the amount of \$250 to reflect date and location change. Possible motion to allow for an additional \$250 in funding.
- a. J. Tijerina states that this is the same forum planned for August but had rescheduling conflicts; going ahead with a new location and focus on financial literacy, including resources available and additional speakers. Seeking help from other NCs, up to \$1000. S. Brantner motions to increase amount to up to \$1000 and M. Moché seconds. A. Castillo inquiries about the focus of the forum. J. Tijerina explains the focus is on solutions to empower, education in financial literacy, resource fair, renter's right organizations, and health organizations; and have people talk to each other to have a conversation on solutions and restorative justice. Liz article on gentrification and housing intersect on the fact that people don't have the resources and funds, so we need to raise income levels and how do we do that. Suggestion to conduct an exit survey to ascertain if the information was useful and what can make it better next time. *Roll call: L. Amsden, S. Brantner, B. Caban, A. Castillo, M. Freeland, Z. Gardea, S. Huerta, S. Lunn, M. Moché, Y. Nogueira, J. Potter, R. Rivas, D. Silva, H. Slater and J. Tijerina.* Motion Passes.
14. (5 min.) Discussion and possible motion to send a letter with suggestions regarding NC funding to the Funding Equity Working Group.
- a. J. Tijerina is a member of this group, as appointed by DONE. Group has had 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting on how to fund the NCs as fair as possible. Requesting to hear ideas or comments from board members. There's been a focus on protecting smaller NCs and neglecting larger NCs. It's important for NCs to be funded adequately to fulfill needs. M. Moché suggests looking at what council members are doing at their NCs and how they are spending their funds. The chair of the NC work group states that nothing is off the table for ideas and has a proposal to address issues. Another idea is reinstatement of roll over of funds.
15. New Business—None.
16. Adjournment—8:26 PM